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PART II

Three Charged After Raid

'Overwhelming' Support Comes to Body Politic

By Jim Marko

TORONTO, Ontario — Late on Thursday, Jan. 5, charges were filed against the Pink Triangle Press and the Canadian gay newspaper *The Body Politic* for printing, publishing, distributing and circulating obscene material and for "transmitting or delivering anything that is obscene, indecent, immoral or scurrilous."

The charges, filed under Sections 159 and 164 of the Criminal Code of Canada, were brought against three members of the Body Politic Collective after a Dec. 30 raid on the office of the newspaper (see GCN, Jan. 14, 1978 Vol. 5, No. 27).

Corporation President Kenneth Po-pert, Secretary Edward Jackson and Treasurer Gerald Hannon have a court hearing on Jan. 20 at which time a trial date will be set.

Hannon Speaks Out

Hannon, the author of the article which is at the center of the dispute ("Men Loving Boys Loving Men") issued a statement that dealt with what he referred to as the "taboo topic" of pedophilia. "I suppose," said Hannon, "that one can be expected to be pilloried for open discussion on the topic. But I insist without reservation on my right to discuss the topic."

Hannon charged that since his investigation of the lives of three men involved in affectional and sexual relationships with boys had been "the occasion for criminal charges against myself and others, [it] is testimony to the fact that such a discussion is worth further investigation."

It is Hannon's contention that if the charges and subsequent trial do nothing more than "demystify the topic of pedophilia, the article in question will have served the purpose for which it was designed."

Investigation Continues

Sources close to the police investigation in Toronto have told GCN that, although the seized information (subscription files, business records, classified ad books, personal records, etc.) had been sealed by the York County Courthouse, investigators spent New Year's weekend sifting through the material and making photocopies. Further arrests on the already filed charges are reportedly expected. Metropolitan Toronto police had no comment on the report.

U.S. Support

Support both in Canada and the U.S. has been "overwhelming," according to the Body Politic Collective.

In a letter to the Crown Attorney for York in Toronto, the New York based Coalition for Lesbian and Gay Rights, condemned the police raid. "The raid represents an outrageous violation of freedom of the press, and an insidious attempt to muzzle a widely read and respected gay liberation paper."

The Coalition gave its unconditional support to the newspaper and its right to publish material on any subject of interest or relevance to lesbians and gay men. The New York group demanded the immediate release of all files confiscated by the Toronto police.

Other U.S. support came from the

National Gay Task Force which expressed shock and dismay at "police harassment and criminal charges brought against . . . Canada's most-respected gay publication." In a news release, NGTF called the action a "violation of all internationally accepted principles" of freedom of the press and expression. "We believe that confiscation of subscription and advertising lists which have effectively prevented publication of future . . . issues, is violative of all accepted principles of search and seizure in a democratic society."

While not endorsing the article "Men Loving Boys Loving Men," NGTF added that it was written "in the best traditions of responsible journalism — offering important insights into a little-known and little-understood aspect of human sexuality in a completely unsensational way."

Canadian Support

Support for *The Body Politic* came from across Canada with the National Gay Rights Coalition, which represents 43 gay organizations, charging that the police seizure was a "serious harassment of the Canadian gay community."

"The seizure of lists of subscribers and advertisers is clearly aimed at intimidating all gay people and preventing them from coming out even to the extent of reading their own publications," the Coalition said.

Don Hann of the Gay Alliance Toward Equality of Vancouver called the raid a denial of free speech and

freedom of the press. Hann accused the *Vancouver Sun* of a week of attacks pushing authority to censor and prohibit *The Body Politic*. "The *Vancouver Sun* is as guilty as the Toronto press [*Toronto Star*] in arbitrarily seeking to determine what the public may or may not read. The Alliance will do whatever is necessary to help *The Body Politic* and gay groups in Ontario fight back against the blow directed at the very existence of our press."

Hann viewed "the totalitarian manner in which the press and police officials combine to limit the public's right to decide for themselves what is fit to read" as the real "obscenity."

The Canadian Periodical Publishers' Association, which represents some 200 magazines, and the Periodical Writers' Association of Canada both issued strong statements against the closing of the Toronto based paper.

A statement of concern over the nature of the seizure has been endorsed by a number of media figures in Canada including Douglas Marshall, editor of *Books in Canada*, Barrie Zwicker, editor of the media journal *Content*, and Prof. Frederick H. Zemans of York University's Osgoode Hall Law School.

Defense fund contributions should be sent to: Lynn King, in trust for the Body Politic Free the Press Fund, 111 Richmond St. W., Suite 320, Toronto, Ontario, Canada M5H 3N6.

DA's Office Pressed On 'Hotline' Information

BOSTON — The Boston/Boise Committee is pressing Special Suffolk County District Attorney Thomas E. Dwyer for clarification on his pledge to "discard" any information received on his official telephone "hotline" which "does not constitute a serious investigative lead." In a letter to Rep. Barney Frank, dated Jan. 10, Dwyer promised that any such information would be discarded within a 30-day period. The "hotline" was established shortly after the Revere arrests to monitor reports of "child molestation" and was discontinued within the last two weeks.

In his letter, Dwyer asserted that the DA's office had "received a substantial number of telephone calls since the time of the arrests. . . . We are currently in the process of analyzing each and every call. The task will be completed by the end of the month."

Rev. Edward Hougen of the Boston/Boise Committee told GCN, shortly after a meeting with Rep. Frank, that he was "somewhat encouraged" by the Assistant District Attorney's response. However, he said that the Committee was disturbed by the "vagueness" of the phrase "any information which does not constitute an investigative lead." "We want all information to be disposed of one way or another," said

Hougen. "We want indictments to be brought or information to be thrown away. We don't want information to be kept on tap. We don't want this to be held over the community's head."

Rep. Frank, who will take the Boston/Boise Committee's concerns to Dwyer, emphasized that he thought the Dwyer statement was a "substantial advance." "What is important here," he said, "is that everything be cleaned up in the next month. We don't want people fearful for the next year that they're under investigation. I was glad to get the [Dwyer's] letter. But we have to be hyper-careful. It is important to plug up every potential loophole."

Frank added that he believed that the "hotline" was a bust, inefficient, probably didn't lead to anything." But Assistant D.A. Dwyer defended the special telephone line, maintaining that it "was established as an administrative convenience because it was expected that the public reaction to the indictments and arrests would overwhelm our office's normal telephone system. As this reaction subsided the standard switchboard procedure was deemed adequate. At that point, the special phone line was discontinued."

Psychiatrists Still See Gays as 'Sick'

By Allen Young

NEW YORK — A recent survey of psychiatrists indicated that an overwhelming majority of them still believe that homosexuals are "sick," despite the 1974 declaration of the American Psychiatric Association to the contrary.

In a poll published in the November 1977 issue of *Medical Aspects of Human Sexuality*, 69 per cent of the psychiatrists polled answered "yes" to the question, "Is homosexuality usually a pathological adaptation (as opposed to a normal variation)?" Eighteen per cent said "no," and 13 per cent were uncertain.

Commenting on the data, Dr. Harold I. Lief said "The results . . . are surprising in that an American Psychiatric Association poll of the membership in 1974 agreed by a small majority that homosexuality should not be defined as a disorder unless the person is dissatisfied with that sexual orientation. The present findings suggest three possibilities: 1) The APA vote was influenced by political and social considerations, in that the vote was perceived as a step toward stopping the denial of rights to homosexuals; 2) Those who were more inclined to answer this survey had stronger feelings about their point of view than those who did not respond;

3) Psychiatrists' opinions on the matter have changed since 1974."

The poll in *Medical Aspects of Human Sexuality* was sent to 10,000 psychiatrists and it was tabulated after the first 2500 replies were received. The generally anti-gay views represented in the response indicated that the psychiatric profession apparently remains committed to homophobic values. Liberals in the leadership of the APA may be able to put in a "good word" for homosexuals during debates on civil rights bills, but the average American who comes into contact with the average psychiatrist is apparently going to find homophobia the accepted norm.

In addition to the question on "pathology" (sickness), there were eight other questions posed in the poll. The results are given below, with the commentary provided by Dr. Lief.

Can homosexuals become heterosexual via therapy? In most cases (3%), fairly often (37%), almost never (50%). "The findings are slightly more optimistic about the possibility of change than studies warrant. Reports indicate that about one third of highly motivated individuals can change to heterosexuality."

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News Notes

GBA'S NEW BOARD

BOSTON — The Gay Business Association has announced its new Board of Directors and officers for 1978. The Chairperson for the GBA this year is Brian Moran, Phyllis Carford is the Treasurer, and James McNearney is the Clerk. The board members are Steve Balfour, Linda Carford, Gregg Howe, Joe Leo, Robin MacCormack, Ann Maguire, Jack Rubin, Robert Salterio, Frank Tanzer, and Bob White.

The GBA is presently planning its program for the coming months. Services now in operation include the Job Bank, which can be reached by calling 492-0056. Complaints about businesses involved with gay persons or gay owned businesses should be made in writing to GBA, Box 129, 102 Charles St., Boston, MA 02114.

BIG SPLASH FINANCES

BOSTON — Gay Legislation and the Gay Business Association have issued the statement of operations for the Big Splash. The event, which was held at Boston's New England Aquarium, brought a total income of \$8,498.50. Ticket sales garnered \$3,965; advertising in the program book brought in \$1,705; the bar brought in \$2,411; Gay Legislation contributed \$183.75; and the GBA contributed \$233.75.

Expenses for the event totaled \$2,795.69. Rental fees were the largest expense at \$1,022.25 followed by postage costs: \$104.13; printing: \$926.50; advertising: \$121.00; entertainment: \$343.00; license fees: \$50.00; ticket sales' commissions: \$54.00; and misc. expenses: \$174.81.

The net profit from the Big Splash was \$5,702.81 plus an accounts payable fund of \$50. The total liabilities and capital of \$5,752.81 will be divided evenly between the GBA and Gay Legislation.

SHE DRESSES POORLY

NEW YORK — Anti-gay activist Anita Bryant appeared on noted Hollywood designer, Mr. Blackwell's list of the "Ten Worst Dressed Women of the Year." Reluctant to announce her name in the ceremony earlier this week, Blackwell said "Anita Bryant is fourth on my list. She should go to the Queen's dressmaker."

Others receiving honors on this most prestigious list include Farah Fawcett-Majors, who ranked number one on the list; rock singer, Linda Ronstadt; and actress Diane Keaton.

SALEM STATE COURSE

SALEM, MA — Human Sexuality II, ID 322 is a new course being offered at Salem State College this spring semester. Dr. David Newton, professor of Chemistry, author and GCN contributor, will teach the course.

The course will look at the "historical, cultural, political, legal, religious, and psychological context of homosexuality and lesbianism." A variety of speakers and viewpoints will be presented.

The class will meet on Mondays (beginning January 23) from 2:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. at Salem State College in Salem. Registration (for non-Salem students) must be made by contacting the Office of Continuing Education at 745-0556. The registration deadline for the 3-credit \$95 course is Friday, January 20.

VIOLENCE STUDY

SAN FRANCISCO, CA — During the past four months, 50 incidents of violence against gay people have been reported to the Human Rights Commission in this city. The San Francisco Study Center, an independent community organization that researches issues for community groups, will conduct a study of unreported crimes against local gays. The study will document verifiable case histories of victims and witnesses to gay harassment. It was designed with the consultation of the Gay Advisory Committee of the Human Rights Commission.

For six months, the Center will collect case histories of the incidents of violence and then analyze the data to attempt to pinpoint where these crimes occur, with what frequency, and to draw a profile of victims and perpetrators.

The Study Center requests victims of crimes in San Francisco to phone 626-1650, or write 1095 Market St., #620, San Francisco CA 94101.

MINEO MURDER CHARGE

MARSHALL, MI — A Michigan convict, who allegedly told cellmates he stabbed to death actor Sal Mineo two years ago, agreed to return to California this week for the murder trial.

Lionel Williams of Battle Creek, Michigan waived extradition at a hearing in Calhoun County Circuit Court saying that he had nothing to do with Mineo's death and knew nothing about it.

The declaration filed by the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department, however, stated that a prison guard overheard Williams tell another inmate that he had killed Mineo.

Williams told reporters that his cell had been bugged and this was confirmed by police officials. Williams was being held at the county jail on a check forging charge.

Mineo, stabbed to death outside his apartment on Feb. 12, 1976, was nominated twice for Academy Awards. He starred in the movies "Exodus" and "Rebel Without a Cause."

CHILDREN OF LESBIANS

LONDON — Persons who contend that they are concerned about children's health and home life, have spoken out against an article in the London Evening News which stated that some lesbian couples have babies by artificial insemination.

Dr. Rhodes Boyson, a Conservative Member of Parliament, said that to bring children into this world "without a natural father is evil and selfish. This evil must stop for the sake of the potential children and society, which both have enough problems without the extension of this horrific practice."

Two dozen men and women staged a sit-in at the Evening News building, throwing stink bombs into the newsroom and chanting such slogans as "Sister, we shall not be moved," "Lesbian women unite, this is a women's fight," and "Every woman has the right to have a child."

According to reports from London, ten such births have occurred in Britain so far.

ONE-SIDED TV

LOS ANGELES, CA — An organization called the Citizens Committee Against Child Abuse has been formed here to counter a television program which attempted to identify homosexuality with child abuse. The program was sponsored by the Interfaith Committee (which is also known as the Voice of Americanism) and was shown on KHJ-TV. The hosts for the religious show were Dale Evans and Pat Boone.

Reportedly, the program dealt almost exclusively with cases of molestation involving young boys and adult males. Cases in which adult males were accused of activity with young girls were not given much air time.

The Citizens Committee Against Child Abuse is composed of gay activists and heterosexuals. Gay performer Ivy Bottini acted as spokesperson for the group when it demanded that the television station give them equal time to present an objective program on child abuse.

ANITA GOES NORTH

OTTAWA, ONT. — The Canadian Minister of Immigration has refused to forbid the entry of Anita Bryant into that country. In response to a letter from the National Gay Rights Coalition of Ottawa protesting Bryant's trip, Minister Bud Cullen responded that neither the present Immigration Act nor the new Act "permit us to refuse permission to enter to Ms. Bryant, whose legitimate goal is to expose her views to Canadians who wish to listen to her."

Cullen's letter continued: "Legislation regulating immigration does not aim to prevent or discourage liberty of expression even if the opinions of certain persons seem unacceptable to others. Ms. Bryant and her sympathizers have every right to take advantage of the same freedom which allows NGRC to express its opinion."

At its annual convention in 1977, the Coalition decided to oppose the airing of any commercial message which features Bryant and to protest any attempts to bring her campaign to Canada. Her Canadian-wide trip begins on January 23.

JANUS WOMEN'S GROUP

BOSTON — Three new women's groups are forming at the Janus Counselling Center in this city.

A supportive personal growth group for women struggling with depression will meet on Tuesdays from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. The group, conducted by therapists Gail Harris and Pamela Bryant, will focus on what women can do to take control of their lives, "to act rather than react," and "to be more powerful at a time that is often characterized by feelings of hopelessness."

A therapy group for lesbians will meet on Monday evenings from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. It will focus on such issues as anger, sexuality, depression and interpersonal relationships.

Group meetings on lesbians coming out will be held every Wednesday from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. in an effort to offer support and encouragement to these women.

For more information on any of these groups, contact the Janus Counselling Service at 661-2537.

WOMEN'S ADVOCATE DISMISSED

HOUSTON, TX — James McConn, the newly-elected mayor of this city, dismissed Nikki Van Hightower as Women's Advocate on January 5. McConn, who was sworn in on Tuesday Jan. 3, had planned to abolish the post after consistently opposing the Women's Advocate position throughout his campaign.

"I think the Mayor should be the people's advocate," said McConn. "That includes all the people — male, female, white, brown and right on down the list."

The Houston City Council voted last March to abolish the Women's Advocate post. Having previously lowered Van Hightower's salary to \$1 a year, then Mayor Fred Hofheinz appointed Van Hightower to his cabinet. Hofheinz, who created the Women's Advocate job in 1974, named Van Hightower an "affirmative action specialist" and she performed the same duties until her dismissal by the new mayor.

GAY CHURCH NEWS

LOS ANGELES — The sweeping reappraisals of attitudes, now under way in many churches, have provided encouraging news for gay people and their families. Recently, representatives of the news letters published by gay caucuses or synagogues active in 14 U.S. denominations selected Anita Bryant's alleged misuse of scripture against gay people, as the top gay church news story of 1977.

The Gay Religious Editors Assn. rated the marked growth in church interest in gay ministry as the second most important issue they covered. Last January's ordination of openly lesbian Ellen Marie Barrett to the Episcopalian priesthood and the silencing imposed in August on Fr. John McNeil were also rated as stories of primary importance. It was the second time Fr. McNeil, author of "The Church and the Homosexual" was ordered not to write or lecture on homosexuality.

NGTF SURVEY

NEW YORK, NY — The National Gay Task Force is conducting a survey on issues concerning "gay women and the lesbian movement." The NGTF women's caucus is "exploring projects and programs that will respond to the survival of the goals of the lesbian community" and is seeking answers to its 23 question survey.

The information gathered will help the organization to develop its lesbian program priorities. For questionnaires contact the National Gay Task Force, 80 Fifth Ave., New York, NY 10011.

HERSTORY ARCHIVES

NEW YORK, NY — The Lesbian Herstory Archives was created in January 1976 in order that lesbians may study and understand their past, present and their future. The Archives is in need of contributions of art, photographs, diaries, books, tape recordings, and any other issues that relate to lesbian culture.

The Archives is the repository for lesbian publications from the novels of Radclyffe Hall to contemporary newsletters and newspapers. It also includes a photography and tape collection.

Cash donations are welcome. For information write The Lesbian Herstory Archives, PO Box 1258, New York, NY 10001.

Election Perspective 1978

Races Shape-up in Election Year

By David Brill

BOSTON — During this election year, GCN will be covering the races and issues that are of concern to the Boston-area and Massachusetts gay communities. In this first *Election*



Boston City Council Pres. Larry DiCara

Perspective 1978, we take a look at a number of familiar politicians and elected officials who have already decided to run for office this year.

Larry DiCara was elected President of the Boston City Council two weeks ago. The only strong gay rights supporter on the Council, DiCara is also an announced candidate for the office of State Treasurer. If he is elected

treasurer, Louise Day Hicks would take his place on the Council

Edward F. King, a West Roxbury business person, recently announced



Edward F. King

his candidacy for the Republican nomination for governor. Although he made no mention of gay rights in his announcement, King condemned Gov. Michael Dukakis for supporting "kooky social experiments" and promised, if elected, to abolish the Mass. Commission Against Discrimination and the Governor's Commission on the Status of Women. (It should be noted, however, that the 1977 appropriation for the MCAD was \$795,464,

and the CSW only \$28,800, against a total state budget of over \$4 billion.)

Pixie Palladino is expected to announce her candidacy for the office



Pixie Palladino

of State Senator against Sen. Michael LoPresti shortly. The ROARING ex-school committee member's campaign will be centered on LoPresti's liberal voting record, particularly the issues of gay rights and abortion. The district includes not only East Boston and the North End but most of Cambridge and part of Beacon Hill as well.

Rep. Mel King of the South End has announced that he will be a candidate

for Mayor of Boston next year. King has been an active gay rights supporter for many years. His new legislative district includes the South End and the Fenway areas of Boston.



State Rep. Mel King

Gay people on the North Shore are in a dilemma this year. U.S. Rep. Michael Harrington, a sponsor of the federal gay rights bill, will be challenged in the Democratic primary by State Rep. James Smith of Lynn, who has sponsored gay rights bills in Massachusetts for the last three years. Smith and Harrington can be expected to divide their similar constituencies and make the congressional seat easier for a conservative to gain in November.

Judaism Magazine Article

Endorsement of Gay Civil Rights Urged

By Neil Miller

NEW YORK — In an article in the Winter 1978 issue of the American Jewish Congress publication, *Judaism*, a Jewish leader has endorsed homosexual civil rights, supported the establishment of gay synagogues and the ordination of gay rabbis under certain circumstances, and taken an ambiguous position on gay marriage. While asserting that "the Jewish ideal for man and woman is heterosexuality," Princeton University Hillel Foundation acting director Rabbi Hershel J. Matt attempts in the article to reinterpret traditional Jewish prohibitions against homosexuality in light of "changed circumstances and data."

Rabbi Matt begins his theological case for acceptance of homosexuals by noting that, according to Jewish law, "when forbidden acts are performed in the absence of voluntary choice and free decision, or in the absence of other options, the offenders are judged more leniently than otherwise." Since contemporary evidence indicates that most gay people cannot change their sexual orientation, Matt argues they can be seen to fall under this category. However, he emphasizes that this standard of "leniency" does *not* apply to those who, if they chose, "could lead a heterosexual lifestyle" or those who could — "with professional help or strenuous effort" — manage to change.

Matt maintains that his interpretation of Jewish law "places upon the men and women who become aware of their homosexual tendencies the responsibility for striving, on their own or with the aid of professional counselors, to develop or strengthen their heterosexual tendencies. It

removes from those homosexuals who, after making such efforts, find that they cannot change, all burden of blame and guilt — accepting them as they are." Matt claims that his standard "avoids at least some of the negative connotations of mental illness" and "acknowledges that unalterable homosexuality remains theologically unaccountable."

Warning that American Jews should keep themselves from "falling into the category of those 'in whose power it was to protest but did not protest,'" Matt strongly argues for support of gay civil rights. American Jews, he says, should "work for the immediate repeal of laws, rules, and practices, that exclude or discriminate against homosexuality." He also supports repeal of all legal penalties against homosexual behavior.

Matt does not oppose gay people working as teachers and youth leaders on the grounds of "the absence of any clear evidence as to harmful effects upon young people." He does, however, come out against gays serving as adoptive or foster parents and religious leaders. "These two roles of parent or rabbi are, by definition, meant to serve as the model of what a Jewish woman and man should be." But, as soon as he makes this statement, he quickly qualifies it. A lesbian or gay man could even serve as a rabbi, asserts Matt, "if he or she honestly holds the conviction — and would conscientiously seek to convey it to others — that in spite of his or her own homosexuality, the Jewish ideal for man and woman is heterosexuality."

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Amnesty International Staffer Speaks Out Concern for Gay Prisoners a Real Issue

By Harold Pickett

NEW YORK — Amnesty International, the human rights organization, tabled a proposal in late October "that AI define violations against homosexuals as a human rights issue, in accordance with the Universal Declaration of Human Rights." The proposal was presented to AI's Annual International Council Meeting, held in London, and after discussion, the



Gail Wilcox of Amnesty International word "homosexual" was replaced with "people because of their sexual orientation or behavior between consenting adults which does not infringe the human rights of others." The change in wording resulted in the proposal (Resolution A.3) being referred for study to the Plenary Session of the International Executive Council. It is unlikely that the resolution will be discussed until April, when it reportedly

will be further postponed because of technical reasons.

After the international meeting, a letter publicizing the gay rights resolution and AI's refusal to vote on it was sent to over 70 newspapers and gay groups, both nationally and foreign. GCN covered the story in its Nov. 19, 1977 issue (Vol. 5, No. 20).

The author of the letter stated, "This is to inform you that I wish to lend my assistance to communicate information so we can protest and pressure this group [AI] to act for homosexual rights as a human rights issue."

"I do this as an individual gay woman — but, as a staff member of AIUSA, I wish anonymity. Please contact me to determine how we can effectively use and benefit from the status and respectability of this organization for positive effects on homosexual rights."

Gail Wilcox is the New York staff member of AI who took the initiative of sending out the letter. She now says "the anonymity was unnecessary." The subsequent publicity the letter received quoted "an anonymous gay woman" and in her small office of nine people, it left little doubt as to who was behind the campaign.

One man in the AI office read about the reprinted letter and asked around the office if anyone knew anything about it. Wilcox didn't deny or take responsibility for it, but went instead to talk with her director about the issue. After discussion, he decided to keep it just between the two of them, not wanting her action to become a larger issue. He was basically support-

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An Appeal and a Warning

[We are printing the following information at the request of one of our readers. None of us likes to believe that one gay person would take advantage of another, but when it does happen, the gay community should be alerted. Hopefully one of our readers can provide some leads.

For reasons of space we have had to abbreviate the author's account, but we have retained all the information vital to the eventual discovery of the whereabouts of the "David" in the story. The author has asked us not to print his name, but information can be relayed to him through the editor of GCN.

The person referred to as "David" came to live with the author in May, 1977 in response to an ad in GCN for a live-in houseboy. On December 8 "David" left for a short trip to Woodland, Maine to visit friends. The author has not heard from him since. The rest is self-explanatory.]

1. The people in Woodland with whom David was planning to visit do not exist. The letter which he wrote to them and left unsealed on the desk was an obvious plant and there is no such address.

2. The old Plymouth car that he arrived here with last Memorial Day was reported stolen in Stonington, Conn. two days after he had arrived here with it.

13. When he passed through Millinocket, Maine, he withdrew all the money from our joint account with the exception of \$4.12. Three days later a check that he had written for \$44.40 was refused by the bank because of insufficient funds.

4. Papers found in the Plymouth seem to indicate that David has passed bad checks in the past under the names David Palmer, David Grinnell and Keith Johnson. Indication is that he has lived at various times in Kenyon, Westerly and Newport, RI, Stonington, Conn. and Ellsworth, Maine.

When David left here he was driving my truck which is currently listed as stolen and which is the only thing that I still have hopes of recovering. The truck is a green 1967 Ford Ranger 1/2-ton pickup with Maine registration number 654-674. The vehicle number is F10YEB15105. There are several distinguishing features about the truck which may be of help in recognizing it. Of the five marker lights on

the roof of the cab, only two of them work. The rear body has been drilled and large hooks installed along both sides to accept ropes for tying down a canvas cover. The front center of the hood has been drilled to accept a hood ornament which has been removed and a small black rubber plug installed. The stop or brake lights do not work properly. There is a spare tire chained down in the back of the truck and secured with a padlock. There is also a large black plastic gas can, a scoop snow shovel and an axe in the truck.

When he left here David had three gas company credit cards with him, all made out to me. These cards were issued by Shell, Mobil and Citgo.

David Palmer claims to be 27 years old, and has long straight blond hair (dyed) and blue eyes. He is about six feet tall and weighs about 150 pounds. He has a light complexion and a caved in chest from an old automobile accident. When he left here he was wearing a pair of heavy rubber, knee height snow boots. He also had a pair of low moccasins with him. He was wearing a heavy brown wool car length coat. He may also be wearing a bright blue nylon jacket with a sleeve patch which reads "Town and Country CB Club," and has the word "Paperhanger" embroidered across it. He also has a snowmobile or motorcycle helmet with him.

My point in relating this story is two-fold. I would like very much to recover the missing truck which means a great deal to me right now because it is the only transportation that I have between here and the nearest town which is some 60 or 70 miles distant. Without the truck, I have no way to transport the animal feed, and other supplies upon which my livelihood depends. The second reason is to forewarn whoever may take David into their home that he is not all that he appears to be. There is evidence to support the statement that he has done this same thing before, and it is very unlikely that he will stop with me. By this writing he has probably already singled out another unsuspecting victim.

I have no desire to cause David more grief than he already has, nor to pursue any line of prosecution, unless forced to do so. I do feel that he needs help which is beyond the ability of an untrained person to give. And I also feel an obligation to inform the gay community of the facts that I have set down here, so that anyone can prepare himself for the grief and pain that can arise from a relationship with David.

Anyone having knowledge of where David has left my truck can contact me through the editors of GCN, by reporting the truck to their local authorities, or by contacting Sgt. Dale Cluky, Piscataquis County Sheriff's Office, Dover-Foxcroft, Maine at (207) 564-3304. I am unable, at this time, to offer any reward, but you may be assured that any help will be sincerely appreciated.

community voices

beyond the self

To the Editor:

Sentiments as expressed by Mr. Fornataro in his "Speaking Out" article "Ghetto Villagers" are so common that it often becomes quite tiresome to read and re-read them month after month. It is a shame that exhortations such as his are also so necessary.

To quote Mr. Fornataro: "We've got to come out fighting with our gay brothers and sisters, supporting each other with love and friendship . . ." Only when we transcend our own selfishness, as Mr. Fornataro has, can we expect to accomplish anything in our struggles to liberate ourselves.

Porter Mortell
Providence, RI



nature's way

Dear GCN:

Several years ago society told us that homosexuality was due to dead parents, meat-eating, the devil, etc. Later we discovered that gay people occurred in every society and in every period of history. Then we learned that gay lifestyles were also found in nearly all species of animal life. As a tropical fish enthusiast, I'd like to share some knowledge about homo society beneath the sea. (this is legit!).

Lesbianism and male homosexuality are rampant. Male guppies court each other, and female swordtails love their sisters (especially when they get older and wiser). The shrinks would probably tell us that this deviant behavior is due to too much algae in the fish's diet.

Transsexualism is very common, and requires no operation! In spring and summer, many kinds of female fish change into males. The opposite change is possible, but rarer.

Have a happy winter,

satya
San Francisco

sectarian power

Dear GCN:

Craig Hanson's letter (December 31) makes some observations which are not valid as he has applied them to the gay rights battle in Wichita, Kansas. However, his points are valid with reference to the Dade County battle and perhaps elsewhere.

Mr. Hanson points to the opposition by the Catholic Bishop of Wichita to that city's recently enacted gay rights law. Mr. Hanson charges that "omnibus gay rights ordinances force Catholic" and other parochial schools to hire and retain openly gay teachers." Therefore, Mr. Hanson believes, naturally "the Catholic Church is going to strike back."

I have spoken with the pastor of the MCC Church in Wichita, and he told me that the lawyers for the gay groups there had already notified the Bishop that the law could not cover teachers in the Catholic school system or in other denominational schools. Nevertheless, the Bishop denounced the law in the standard pseudo-religious terms, as an issue of public "morality."

In Miami, on the other hand, Mr. Hanson's analysis is right on the mark. Anita Bryant's new book reminds the reader repeatedly that she had a Catholic Church there on her side from the very beginning precisely because the law did cover Catholic and other religious schools. This drastic blunder has gone virtually unnoted in the torrent of words from gay activists of all stripes in the wake of Orange Tuesday last June.

The federal and local courts have consistently ruled that church-sponsored schools are so thoroughly sectarian and religious that the civil government can not promote its activities through financial assistance. The overriding mission of such schools is to inculcate that religion's teachings into its students. If such a school believes its mission is compromised by a teacher who has an abortion, gambles, remarries after a divorce, or practices nonmarital sex, that school has a Constitutional right under the First Amendment to refuse employment to that teacher.

The Wichita example demonstrates that accommodating church schools may not be enough to deflect the opposition of the Catholic Church. But Miami should prove that refusing such accommodation will guarantee massive Catholic resistance.

Sincerely,
Craig Howell
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LA Police Warn of Gay Threat

LOS ANGELES — The *Los Angeles Times* has published excerpts from a special Los Angeles Police Department internal "briefing paper" that asserts that "homosexuals, as an organized group, pose a serious threat to the welfare and safety of the citizens of Los Angeles." The document, prepared for a community relations program attended by the department's highest-ranking officers, portrayed the LAPD as the target of special interest groups attempting to adversely influence the department's operations.

The "briefing paper" begins with a discussion of "chicken hawks," and child pornography and charges that gay activists support such activities. Quotes are included from anti-gay psychiatrist Charles Socarides and Dr. Martin Reiser, the LAPD staff psychologist, who writes "Any person who willingly engages in homosexual activity is an emotionally sick person and definitely constitutes an unacceptable risk when qualifying as a police officer."

'First Step' Is Taken in Chicago

CHICAGO, Ill. — An amendment banning discrimination in condominium sales on the basis of "sexual preference" is now in effect in Chicago.

The amendment, which is part of a general ordinance controlling condominiums, marks the first time that the City Council dealt with discrimination against gay people.

Introduced last month by independent Alderman Martin J. Oberman, the amendment was passed as part of the complete ordinance with very little debate. During discussion on the ordinance, Oberman spoke in favor of civil rights for all the citizens of Chicago.

This law, along with 19 new state laws also regulating condominiums, provides greater consumer protection for renters or prospective buyers. The new state laws will change conversion notification time from 30 to 90 days. However, the city ordinance grants 120 days plus an additional 60 days for

The document urges police officers to continue to refuse to recognize gay people as an "official minority" and to oppose the hiring of homosexuals as police officers. The document supports anti-gay lobbying of both legislative bodies and judges as well as an effort to "keep the public informed about the relationship between vice conditions and major crimes to puncture the myth of the so-called victimless crime."

The paper proposes using officers assigned to divisional vice units to "provide intelligence on homosexual activists" and recommends that community relations officers in each police division "maintain liaison with community support groups and service clubs to counter homosexual propaganda."

Los Angeles Police Chief Ed Davis has long been an opponent of gay rights and is expected to seek the Republican nomination for Governor this year to oppose incumbent Gov. Jerry Brown.

handicapped or senior citizens, and requires full engineering disclosure on a building's facilities for prospective owner-inspectors.

Independent Alderman Simpson, supporter of the bill, was asked whether the condominium ordinance itself is a good measure. He said that it is an excellent one and agreed it will be a plus for incumbent regular Democrats seeking reelection in 1979. "They can point to this and other future improvements ordinances as proof that Chicago still works and works for the common citizen," he said.

Now that this ordinance, with its clause banning discrimination because of sexual preference has been passed, the next question is whether the City Council is ready for a more inclusive ordinance banning such discrimination. Simpson agreed that this amendment sets an impressive precedent and is a major advance in the struggle for equal rights for Chicago's gay citizens.

Quebec Enacts Gay Rights Bill

MONTREAL, Quebec — Quebec's National Assembly has overwhelmingly passed an amendment to the province's Human Rights Charter adding "sexual orientation" to the list of prohibited grounds for discrimination, *Gaysweek* reports. Only two votes were registered against the bill in the 110-person assembly, and the amendment was signed into law by the Quebec Lieutenant Governor shortly after the Dec. 15 vote.

The new law prohibits discrimina-

tion against gay people in employment, housing, and public services. The amendment was introduced by the *Parti Quebecois* government and was supported by the province's Human Rights Commission. Quebec gay organizations have been lobbying for the amendment for the past three years. In 1975 the *Parti Quebecois*, then the opposition party, introduced a similar amendment but it was then rejected by the ruling Liberal Party.

Psychiatrists

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Are homosexual men generally less happy than others? Yes (73%), no (26%). "The greater unhappiness of homosexuals is understandable in terms of society's condemnation. Psychiatrists also tend to see those who are distressed."

Are homosexual men generally less capable than heterosexual men of mature, loving relationships? Yes (60%), no (39%). "The 'gay life' does seem marked by promiscuity and transient encounters encouraged among other things by the lack of cultural support for homosexual relationships. Nonetheless, a large majority do believe homosexuals are capable of mature, loving relationships."

Are lesbian women less capable than heterosexual women of mature, loving relationships? Yes (55%), no (43%). "Lesbian dyads are generally considered to be far more enduring than those of male homosexuals. The close vote indicates that there are many

lesbian relationships which are as enduring as heterosexual relationships."

Are homosexuals' problems in living a result of personal conflicts more than of stigmatization? Yes (90%), no (28%). "This finding concurs with the answers to the first question — that homosexuality usually is a function of pathology."

Can bisexuals have successful heterosexual marriages? Usually (21%), occasionally (65%), almost never (12%). "The vote indicates that most psychiatrists believe that at least some bisexuals are able to have meaningful, satisfying heterosexual marriages. Studies indicate that this is true, but we do not know whether in these marriages the homosexual relationships are secret or overt, frequent or sporadic."

Are homosexuals generally more creative than heterosexuals? Yes (22%), no (74%). "Homosexuals' greater prominence in the arts, fash-

Gail Wilcox

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ion and felt that going through the bureaucracy to deal with the issue any further would be a waste of time.

Wilcox said "Basically, it is against policy to do what I did. I broke the rules."

She is certain the director "could have brought the issue before the Board of Directors, had he wished. If it had happened with a different director, I could have been fired. I would have been considered as working against their process."

The "process" concerned her public disclosure of the information she received. She would have been technically guilty of "not keeping to my job definition."

Also, many of the letters and documents she received are marked "Internal, for Members Only." The letters are, in fact, public statements. Anyone who pays \$15 a year can become an AI member. Not everyone, however, sees all the letters and materials. This is because of their "irrelevance to the larger AI community. The prisoner information takes precedence." Otherwise, the organization might become too bogged-down in its own mechanics.

Before the International Council Meeting, the AIUSA National Office staff prepared an explanatory brief supporting the homosexual resolution. It was a thorough and well-written defense of the resolution which was circulated to the AIUSA Board members. At the Council meeting, the American delegates strongly supported the resolution.

Wilcox had helped influence the rest of the staff on the gay support statement. In this instance, the staff more actively participated in influencing the decision-making of the organization than was usual.

Wilcox was enthused by the homosexual resolution. "I was energized. It meant I could concentrate my work-time to effect a pro-gay statement. I felt I was in a powerful position."

She described the situation, saying "The people I work with were sympathetic, but straight. I knew I'd really have to take hold of this and think about the action and get the material out to the gay community to help energize us gays and lesbians. It was clear-cut material for a protest. It was the time to pressure Amnesty and it was easy."

Gail Wilcox told GCN, "You go somewhere and request something you should have. If it's denied to you, you don't ask again or beg for it, you trash them a bit. Amnesty International is good, but if you make a statement like 'AI is against homosexuals,' it gets their attention. Then, they *have* to pay

attention. That's using their own methods. It's working within *and* apart."

At the end of January, Wilcox is resigning from her year's employment at AI. She would like to work directly on gay human rights. "AI's connection to gay rights is only a band-aid. Human rights is in the limelight now. 'Gay human rights' is a good term. Hopefully, it will be used more."

Wilcox proposes the organization of a new group, tentatively called "G.I.N.," for "Gay International Network," which would "disseminate already existing information" about gay political prisoners and the treatment of gay people who are in prison for other reasons, but who are subjected to intimidation and punishment because they also happen to be gay. She said, "It's a matter of pulling the information together and getting it out to educate people about gay men and lesbians whose very existence in some countries is illegal. Therefore, they're imprisoned and tortured." The group would function as "an alternative Amnesty International." She feels that if we have the facts, "we can start feeding them to people on the appropriate levels to effect changes."

"I would like to see if I can help construct such a network. In all honesty, I think it already exists, but in a too-small, scattered way. It's important enough for it to be organized into a real network and not left as piecemeal as I'm sure it is." She would like to help "organize and structure" such a "clearinghouse network."

"I probably would not have stayed [at AI] as long as I have, had the gay issue not come up," Wilcox said. "I couldn't relate to another organization that didn't connect more with me. I have the background and experience and want to direct it more and more toward who I am, politically *and* personally."

Meanwhile, Wilcox urged that we write AI to voice our support of the homosexual resolution that would define gays "as prisoners of conscience" and that the group investigate and support the cases of gay men and lesbians who are already persecuted while in prison. Letters should be sent to Amnesty International, 10 Southampton St., London WC2E 7HF, England and to Amnesty International, 2112 Broadway, New York, NY 10023.

Endorsement

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Matt also supports the establishment and recognition of gay congregations, although conceding that it would be preferable if gay people felt "welcome" in existing synagogues. Since that welcome is not assured, he then finds the formation of gay congregations "legitimate," but emphasizes that they must not restrict membership to gay people. Gay synagogues presently exist in New York and Los Angeles.

Turning to the subject of gay marriage, Matt concedes that no gay union has ever been recognized by Jewish law and notes that "it is hardly conceivable that a homosexual departure from the Torah's heterosexual norms would ever be accepted . . ." However, after making this assertion, Matt concludes his article with a series of hypothetical arguments in favor of recognition of gay marriage, from the point of view of a gay Jew. Since he does not refute or even qualify the arguments and ends the article with them, Matt gives the tacit impression that he is at least somewhat in sympathy with this position.

ion, etc., may be a function of greater tolerance for homosexuality in these professions. This encourages homosexuals to enter these fields and does not penalize them for making their sexual proclivities known. The vast majority of homosexuals are in more usual occupations, where they may tend to keep their sexual preference secret."

Are homosexuals generally a greater risk than heterosexuals to hold positions of great responsibility? Yes (43%), no (54%). "On this question more than any other, respondents attempted to qualify their answers. They believed that in some occupations sexual preference was irrelevant, whereas in others it might be a consideration. Some may have believed that because of our cultural condemnation, homosexuals are more subject to blackmail, although with less condemning social attitudes this may no longer be an important factor."

How One Person Stood Against Gay Rights

By Harvey Silverglate

BOSTON — During times when things seem to be dull in Boston, the best show in town is often the Massachusetts General Court, less grandiosely known as the Legislature.

In recent months, some of the most vapid debate in the recorded history of legislative bodies was heard (by those who were not sleeping) in the legislative chambers at the State House, and from the results of those debates, it is clear that the low level of the proceedings carried over into the votes on certain pieces of proposed legislation.

One of the ironies of the situation is that the Legislature is top-heavy with lawyers. One would think that this factor would elevate the level of debate on pieces of legislation with constitutional overtones and dimensions. Yet precisely the contrary seems to be the case, for an inordinate number of lawyer/legislators exhibit the most abysmally low level of legal sophistication — far lower, for example, than one would expect to find in an assembly of moderately intelligent and informed lay people.

Take a few recent examples. During the debate on the late lamented gay rights bill, sponsored by non-lawyer Rep. Elaine Noble (D.-Boston), lawyer/Rep. David Locke (R.-Wellesley), took a strong anti-gay position. He even took to the airwaves, remarking on WCVB-TV's program "Briefing Session" that gay antidiscrimination laws would extend legal protection to "unnatural" acts. Furthermore, "if we are going to protect homosexuals, why not protect necrophiliacs and Nazis as well?", reasoned this learned member of the Bar and of the Legislature.

Unfortunately, the good Senator had failed to do his legal homework, for had he done so, he would have found — much to his surprise and

dismay, one supposes — that "unnatural" acts are already protected in Massachusetts, as are Nazis. While there is some doubt as to necrophiliacs, there is at least a good argument that they, too, enjoy substantial legal protection. Thus, the effect of the passage of the gay rights legislation would have been, simply, to have guaranteed that citizens would not be discriminated against for certain public job classifications merely because of their status as homosexuals. It was a very limited piece of legislation, with no wider or unforeseen ramifications likely, yet it was defeated largely, one must assume, because of mis-information such as Sen. Locke and his ilk spewed forth in what *The Boston Globe* described (with understatement) as "acrimonious and sometimes emotionally charged debate."

For example, Sen. Locke seems to have been unaware, while giving his legal opinions over the air and to his fellow legislators, that his legal conclusions must necessarily take a back seat to the more authoritative opinions of the highest court in the Commonwealth, the Supreme Judicial Court. On Nov. 1, 1974 — nearly three years before the debates over the gay rights bill — the Court decided the case of the *Commonwealth vs. Balthazar*.

Balthazar was accused and convicted of violating the ancient Massachusetts statute making it a crime to commit "any unnatural and lascivious act with another person" and setting forth a heavy maximum penalty of up to five years in the state prison. The Court decided that this statute could not be applied to "private, consensual conduct of adults." Balthazar himself could not take advantage of this landmark ruling, since, as the Court noted, in his case there was evidence that he used force against an unwilling partici-

pant to commit an act of fellatio. The Constitution, ruled the Court, does not protect one's use of force in private or in public, but in the absence of force, there is a "constitutional right of an individual to be free from government regulation of certain sex-related activities."

In effect, what the Court appears to have done is to place "unnatural" sexual conduct into a category similar to that of rape. It is the force element, rather than the sexual nature of the conduct, that makes the defendant's conduct criminal. Similarly, engaging in any such sexual conduct in public, rather than in private, or engaging in the conduct with minors rather than adults, would take the conduct out of the constitutionally protected realm.

The technical basis for the Court's decision in *Balthazar* was that in the absence of anything more specific in the statute to define what is "unnatural," conduct which heretofore has been considered "unnatural" by some elements of the population (perhaps the Court had Sen. Locke in mind?) could not now be said to come within the prohibition of such a general, vague statute, where the conduct is between consenting adults in private. The Court specifically refused to say, however, that the Legislature could accomplish the prohibition of specific sexual activities among consenting adults even with a more specific statute. The betting among those who have carefully read the *Balthazar* decision is that no such statute would be constitutional. In any event, no such specific statute has been passed since the *Balthazar* decision, and so "unnatural" acts among consenting adults in private were constitutionally protected in Massachusetts at the very time Sen. Locke was fretting that passing the gay employment rights bill would legalize

fellatio throughout the Bay State.

Sen. Locke's voiced concern for the unfairness of protecting gays, while necrophiliacs and Nazis suffer discrimination in public employment, further demonstrated how behind the times his knowledge of the law was.

It is not clear, first of all, precisely what the good Senator was afraid of.

Was he concerned that passage of the gay rights bill would automatically legalize necrophilia and Nazism, as he was afraid it would legalize "unnatural" acts? If that was his worry, then he'd better start packing up and leaving the Commonwealth for less tolerant climes immediately. An examination of our statutes and binding legal court decisions has uncovered no law clearly outlawing necrophilia. (For the uninitiated, "necrophilia" is described in one general legal treatise as follows: "a form of affective insanity, manifesting itself in an unnatural and revolting fondness for corpses, the patient desiring to be in their presence, to caress them, to exhume them, or sometimes to mutilate them, or even in a form of sexual perversion to violate them.")

There are statutes, to be sure, restricting what can be done with a corpse. For example, one may not christen a dead body, nor buy nor sell it, nor desecrate a place of burial. Grave robbing is a crime. There is a statute that defines it as "unprofessional conduct" for an embalmer or funeral director to use "profane, indecent or obscene language in the presence of a dead human body," with loss of license a possible punishment. The Supreme Judicial Court, in a case in 1971, did mention in passing that the prosecution presented a pathologist at the trial who testified that the defendant probably was a necrophiliac, but he was not charged with any perversion.

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He was charged with *murdering* the corpse.

If Sen. Locke believes, along the same line, that passage of the gay rights bill would legalize Nazism, then he was clearly off the mark, for there is no law — nor can there be any such law consistent with the First Amendment — outlawing either the Nazi ideology or the Nazi Party. Furthermore, non-violent political and speech activities of self-proclaimed Nazis are clearly protected by the Constitution.

Perhaps the Senator was worried, instead, that passage of the gay rights bill would force the Commonwealth to give equal treatment to necrophiliacs and Nazis applying for public employment. He did not really have to concern himself with any such result, for the current state of the law as interpreted by the highest courts of the Nation and of the Commonwealth is that it is unconstitutional for any government to discriminate against a citizen, in employment situations or otherwise, because of that citizen's political beliefs. Nazism, of course, certainly qualifies as a political belief.

As for necrophiliacs, there is no statutory or case law to be found on the subject, presumably because few, if any, necrophiliacs were rejected for public employment on the basis of their unusual amorous propensities.

Perhaps Sen. Locke meant to imply not that passage of the gay rights bill would necessarily extend similar legal employment rights to Nazis and necrophiliacs, but merely that fairness requires that if we give jobs to gays, we should give jobs to Nazis and necrophiliacs as well. This sort of thinking would be very unusual indeed for the Senator. If indeed we treated people on the basis of fairness, rather than legal compulsion, we would not need a gay rights law at all. Without specific legis-

lation protecting Nazis and necrophiliacs, it is unlikely — regardless of whether a gay rights bill ever becomes law — that known or self-proclaimed lovers of (a) dead bodies and (b) Adolph Hitler will ever have a serious edge in the competition for public jobs.

Having thus analyzed Sen. Locke's publicly-stated reasons for opposing the gay rights bill, one must conclude either that he is not a terribly knowledgeable lawyer or legislator, or that he was being less than frank and that his real opposition was grounded in old fashioned homophobia. If the latter be the case, then Sen. Locke should be castigated for trying to disguise his emotional reactions by peddling his views as sound legal principles.

Storm hits P-town

PROVINCETOWN — A state of emergency was declared Monday evening, January 9, when a storm hit the East End section of Provincetown.

The high winds, which were up to gale force, pushed the already high tide toward the town. High tides and waves 15 to 16 feet high destroyed beach property on Commercial Street, eight piers along the coast and Rosy's, a straight bar.

The four mile area along the East End also suffered severe bulkhead damage, as the storm demolished beach patios and washed away part of the state highway.

Ann Weld Harrington, Director of Civil Defense for Provincetown, and Francis Willard, the Area State Civil Defense Director, spent most of Tuesday morning compiling data on the amount of damage done to the area. Damage is estimated at two million dollars, but the figure does not include National Seashore and state property, which was still being looked at.

When a final estimate of damage is determined, it will then be submitted to the Governor's office and finally to President Carter. If damage is significant enough, federal aid will be granted.

Demonstrators Call for Liberation in Spain

BARCELONA, Spain — More than a thousand people participated in a gay liberation march Dec. 4, calling for the repeal of Spain's anti-homosexual "Social Endangerment Law." Led by a contingent of gay men and lesbians representing the Homosexual Liberation Front of Catalonia, the marchers carried huge placards focusing on the repressive legal system. The demonstrators ended their march in front of the municipal court building.

Flags of many colors — lavender, red, black and red-and-black, were carried by the marchers, indicating widespread anarchist and communist sentiment among the demonstrators. Feminist organizations as well as anarchist and communist organizations joined the march and supported its goals. Among those present was a government deputy, Josep Maria Riera, secretary general of the Communist Youth of Catalonia. (Catalonia is the

region of Spain of which Barcelona is the main city; separatist feelings focusing on language, culture and left-wing tradition, are very strong here.)

Demonstrators' chants made fun of "machistas," and called for amnesty for all political prisoners. One chant said, "Gobierno escucha, el gai está en lucha," which, roughly translated, means "Listen government! The gay struggle is here!"

A newspaper report on the march said that it was not a "closed demonstration," with the marchers shouting "Vecino, unete" (Neighbor, unite with us!) all along the way. The newspaper reported that there were no incidents, concluding that the group dispersed peacefully "under the watchful eye of the police in downtown Barcelona."

The event was organized by the Homosexual Liberation Front of Catalonia (F.A.G.C.), the same group that was responsible for the 4,000-strong

march of gay people and sympathizers last June 26 marking International Gay Pride Day.

According to Rafael Arteaga, a F.A.G.C. member who visited Boston last year and made contact with Boston gay activists, his group is pressing for repeal of the Social Endangerment Law (Ley de Peligrosidad Social), which has led to the jailing of gay people. In a recent letter, Arteaga noted that the law continues to be a problem for Spanish gay people, although "things have changed a lot" since Franco's death. He noted that there are now discotheques, gay clubs and gay baths functioning openly in Spain. A Barcelona publisher, Tusquets, has just released a Spanish edition of John Lauritsen and David Thorstad's book, *The Early Homosexual Rights Movement (1864-1935)*, with a preface by the Spanish poet Juan Gil-Albert.

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Kinsey and His Critics

By Robert Etherington

(This is the second of a two part article observing the 30th anniversary of the publication of the first Kinsey Report, *Sexual Behavior in the Human Male*.)

There is no ocean of greater magnitude than the sexual function, and there are those who believe that we would do better if we ignored its existence, that we should not try to understand its material origins, and that if we sufficiently ignore it and mop at the flood of sexual activity with new laws, heavier penalties, more pronouncements, and greater intolerances, we may ultimately eliminate the reality.
—Alfred Kinsey, *Sexual Behavior in the Human Male*.

It is unfortunate that Kinsey and his staff worked and wrote in the late 1940s and early 50s, a period of political and religious reaction (not unlike our own). The provincial Harry Truman had replaced Roosevelt as President and the Congressional elections of 1946 turned the liberals out of both the House and Senate. And, under J. Edgar Hoover's tragically expert management, America embarked on yet another Red Scare. Those years were indeed disagreeable for liberals, heretics, iconoclasts and all such nonconformists.

It is also unfortunate that Kinsey was entirely apolitical, hence largely ignorant of the politically menacing environment in which he worked. Such indifference to politics enabled him to obtain sex histories from people all over the political spectrum, from outright Communists to such Nazis as George Sylvester Viereck (with whom Kinsey carried on a long correspondence about erotic art). But he was left ill-equipped to deal with the storm that was to break in 1948 with the publication of the first Kinsey Report, *Sexual Behavior in the Human Male*—a storm that would grow to a hurricane in 1953 with the appearance of the *Female* volume.

And, most unfortunate of all, Kinsey was in a very vulnerable financial position. For a number of years, the bulk of the money for his sex research project had come from the Rockefeller Foundation. Many of its administrators were highly political animals, principal among them being the Foundation's president, Dean Rusk. Kinsey would learn to hate him as intensely as did anti-war activists of a later generation.

Compounding Kinsey's problems was an almost complete inability to deal with the media, both print and electronic. (Indeed, television terrified him and he would rarely submit to on-camera interviews.) Thirty years ago, serious scientific reporting hardly existed in the popular press and few papers could provide adequate coverage of Kinsey's highly scientific work. He was aware of this and insisted that reporters submit their articles to him for factual corrections before publication. This won him few friends among reporters, who resented what they considered prior restraint. And Kinsey in turn resented what he thought was undue emphasis in the press on the more sensational aspects of his Reports. "Our research is no material for yellow journalism." The feud was never resolved, so Kinsey rarely had a good press.

It is difficult for us today, what with hundreds of sex books blowing across the market like so many tumbleweeds, to understand how great a sensation *Sexual Behavior in the Human Male* caused in 1948. Despite the fact that it was hardly light reading and cost the

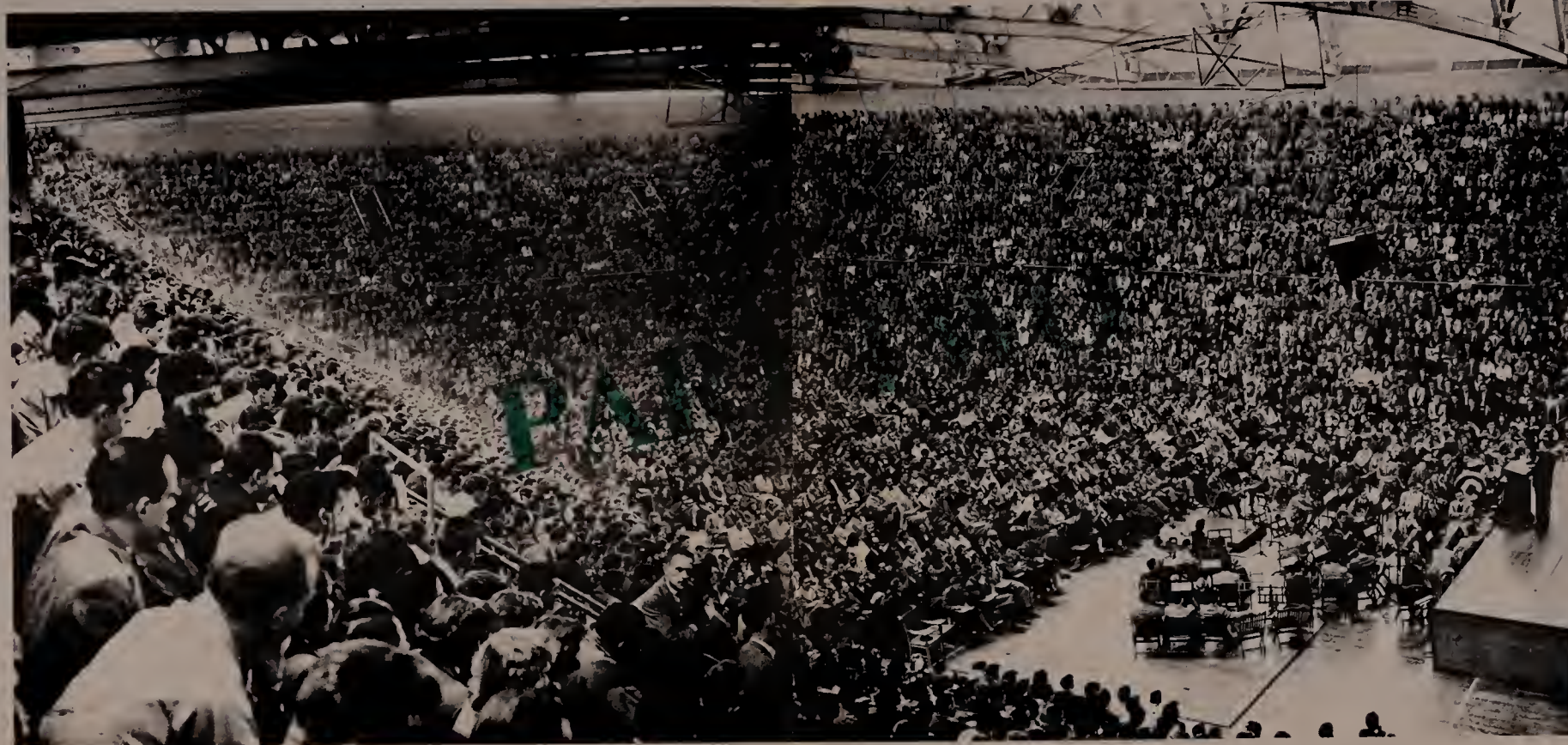
then large sum of \$6.50, it sold 100,000 copies in the first two months. It was immediately translated into several languages and caused an equal sensation around the world (except in France where "numbers were all right in the counting-room, but not in the bedroom"). Cartoonists, nightclub comics and popular pundits joked about it regularly and the phrase "hotter than the Kinsey Report" entered the language.

Obsessed as he was with his work, Kinsey tried to ignore his amazing fame and regularly turned down invitations to speak in public, except to address scientific meetings, or to make those appearances that he thought would help him to obtain more sex histories. Mae West, for example, invited him to "come up and see me." Fearful of being thought a mere publicity seeker (an accusation already making the rounds), Kinsey refused.

All that really concerned him was the volume's reception in the scientific community. "Reactions to our book are going to constitute a most interesting chapter in the history of science." Interesting indeed.

The attacks came largely from two sources: religion and psychiatry (not that they are mutually exclusive). The religious criticisms Kinsey didn't take too seriously, despite the political effect they were bound to have on the Rockefeller Foundation. The Catholic Health League of Canada unsuccessfully sought to have the book banned from the Canadian mails. Claire Booth Luce, dowager of the Catholic Right, remarked (ungrammatically), "The Kinsey Report, like all cheap thrillers, would fall into obscurity if so much attention was not paid to it."

The Hero



Kinsey, at the height of his fame, lectures at Berkeley.

Fulton Sheen and Billy Graham thoroughly disapproved, of course. And the Presbyterian *Reader's Digest*, under the heading "Must We Change Our Sex Standards?", printed articles of "competent scientific and intellectual opinion," all of which roundly condemned Kinsey for equating sexuality with "an animal function."

Among the "scientific" contributors were Norman Vincent Peale, J. Edgar Hoover and Jackie Robinson.

The psychiatric opinions worried Kinsey far more, not because he thought psychiatry a science (quite the contrary), but because he knew many people, including his patrons at the Rockefeller Foundation, took psychiatry very seriously indeed.

A dangerous attack came from Lawrence Kubie, a noted psychoanalyst. The thrust of his argument was that "the Rockefeller Foundation . . . [should] take the project out of [Kinsey's] hands and put it in the hands of psychoanalysts who can do the job properly." For the first time, Kinsey really worried that the Foundation's money might disappear.

Other attacks from scientific quarters (both real and pseudo) included this sober judgment from a Yale zoologist: "I don't like Kinsey! I don't like his Report! I don't like anything about it!" And the president of Princeton University likened the Report to "the work of small boys writing dirty words on fences."

The strangest criticism came from the irascible psychiatrist Edmund Bergler (known to gays for his homophobic classic, *Homosexuality: Disease or Way of Life*). He insisted the Report was worthless because all those who gave their sex histories to Kinsey were "neurotic." Why? Because they gave their sex histories to Kinsey. Why did they do so? Because they were neurotic — and so on, in an endless circle, proving that whatever else Bergler might have been, he was no logician.

To one with Bergler's scientific pretensions, Kinsey's reply to this nonsense is devastating:

Your treatment of the material smacks much more of a dogmatic effort to win a point than a scientist's effort to discover the fact. Your evident disdain for the significance of science, especially biologic science, is one more reason for believing that you are not interested in seeing psychoanalysis established scientifically. Certainly the most ominous attack was leveled by Henry Van Dusen, pres-

ident of the Union Theological Seminary and, unfortunately, a member of the Rockefeller Foundation. "Few have raised ethical queries regarding the sponsorship of this study by one of the great Foundations dedicated to promoting the well-being of mankind throughout the world." Such "queries" would indeed be raised, with a vengeance, when the second Kinsey Report, *Sexual Behavior in the Human Female*, appeared in 1953.

Kinsey's research assistant, Wardell Pomeroy, in his excellent biography of his mentor, *Dr. Kinsey and the Institute for Sex Research*, remarks about the reactions to the *Female* volume:

It was . . . only the American double standard operating again. We might make disclosures about men that were shocking to prevailing middle-class morality, but after all, they merely confirmed the conventional wisdom that men were no better than they should be. To talk of girls and women as sexual beings, however — that was too much.

And Kinsey himself anticipated trouble. "By the time the objectionists get done with the book, I haven't the least idea whether even we will still be able to believe in it."

Again the attacks were on two fronts: religious and psychiatric. Billy Graham commented, "It is impossible to estimate the damage this book will do to the already deteriorating morals of America." The National Council of Catholic Women, though "we have not, of course, read [Kinsey's] latest book," wondered if Kinsey's employer, Indiana University, was still "a place fit for the educating of [our] youth." (To his credit, the University's president always stood by Kinsey.)

Since this was the McCarthy era, one minister saw Communism behind the Report. "There is a fundamental kinship between that thing and Communism . . . for both are based on the same naturalistic philosophy." (The Russians disagreed. They condemned Kinsey as "an apologist for the imperial principle of exploitation." Lord knows what that means.)

opinions which were the most worrisome. The eminent Karl Menninger, at one time a defender of Kinsey, finally recognized the anti-psychiatric implications of the two Reports and attacked their author. "Kinsey's compulsion to force human sexual behavior into a zoological frame of reference leads him to repudiate or neglect human psychology, and to see normality as that which is natural in the sense that it is practiced by animals." Evidently Dr. Menninger was unfamiliar with the works of Darwin.

One of the most famous psychiatrists in the world, Franz Alexander, during one of Kinsey's lectures to a group of psychiatrists, rushed to the podium and literally screamed that all in his profession must reject everything Kinsey said. Dr. Alexander, like so many other analysts, was of course enraged by Kinsey's denigrating remarks about the efficacy of psychotherapy.

One of Kinsey's many replies to his Freudian critics was a challenge: produce a homosexual who had been "changed" or "converted" by psychoanalysis into a heterosexual. Kinsey would interview the patient to see if the conversion was genuine. No psychiatrist dared to accept the challenge. (The notorious Irving Bieber once tried, but his patient balked, perhaps because he knew that Kinsey, unlike Bieber, was not easily fooled.)

As was inevitable, the battles shifted to the political arena. Under pressure from assorted theologians, B. Carroll Reece, a Congressman from the Tennessee hill country (land of the Scopes trial), decided to investigate the Rockefeller Foundation's support for Kinsey, with an eye to depriving the Foundation of its tax-exempt status. He called

several witnesses before his committee, all of them hostile to Kinsey's work. (Indeed, he didn't allow any of Kinsey's defenders to testify.) Reece's views weren't taken too seriously by his colleagues in the Congress, but there was outright panic at the Foundation, particularly on the part of Dean Rusk.

Kinsey had been warned of Rusk's cowardice and wrote him pleading, almost despairing letters about the need for further grants. But Rusk knew only too well from which direction the prevailing political winds were blowing. In 1954, he rather curtly announced that the Kinsey project would receive no more money. "The funds were dropped because [Kinsey] did not request a renewal of support." This was an outright lie and, as such, typical of the man who would later help us to enter and remain in Vietnam. For the rest of his days (which were few), Kinsey could frequently be heard muttering, "Damn Rusk." In later years many others would say the same thing.

The remaining two years of Kinsey's life were sorrowful. He was able to travel abroad where he was warmly received. But at home he worried constantly about what would happen to the whole project. He had only 18,000 of the 100,000 sex histories he felt were necessary for a really complete understanding of sexual behavior. Where was the money to pay for such additional work? And would the great staff of researchers he had collected have to disband?

It is odd that Kinsey, who was a master at inducing people to discuss their sex lives, was so unsuccessful as a fundraiser. He was largely an ordinary man with simple tastes, and perhaps was somewhat intimidated by the rich and powerful.

He did discreetly try to approach certain rich homosexuals, thinking that since the project had done so much to remove the "unnatural" stigma from homosexuality, they would want to see the project continue. But they were all determined to remain in their closets with the doors tightly closed and would render no assistance.

The exhausting search for money led to the saddest episode of those sad years. Just before Kinsey's death in 1956, a meeting was arranged with Huntington Hartford, the A&P heir. Kinsey arrived at the Hartford manse to find a formal dinner party in progress. He always disliked such stuffy functions, but this one was particularly unpleasant. Hartford was unable to understand even the simplest scientific ideas (despite the efforts of his wife to interpret Kinsey's remarks), and was fearful of "backing sex." It was a sad spectacle: a great scientist pleading for help from a *haute bourgeois* who neither could nor would understand what all the fuss was about. The evening, in effect, broke Kinsey's heart once and for all. He crawled back to Indiana — to die.

Such was the tragic end of this extraordinary man.

His scientific achievements were very nearly the equal of Darwin's (and were certainly regarded with as much hostility). Among them was the discovery of our *common* deviance; that sexual behavior considered rare, hence abnormal, is in fact widespread.

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The Villains

Dean Rusk (in the early fifties)



Huntington Hartford



B. Carroll Reece



Dr. Karl Menninger

Verlaine-Rimbaud Play — Semi-Eclipse

"Total Eclipse" by Christopher Hampton, presented by The Harlequin Theatre Company at the Agassiz Theatre, Agassiz House in Radcliffe Yard. Thurs.-Sun. at 8p.m. thru Jan. 29.

A Review by Gregg Howe

In *Total Eclipse*, playwright Christopher Hampton examines the relationship of two men, the French poets Arthur Rimbaud and Paul Verlaine, whose writing enormously influenced the poetry of the generations which followed. The play follows the two tumultuous years these two men spend together, without the tediousness of long discourses on their works that so often overburdens plays about literary figures. Hampton, using actual letters and eyewitness accounts, has created a historically accurate account of the Verlaine-Rimbaud experience and the background against which it was lived.

The homosexual nature of the relationship is explicit and treated without sensationalism or cheapened by the "I'm Homosexual and Therefore Neurotic, Why Me?" syndrome so many playwrights utilize when dealing with gay characters. Unfortunately, the play has serious structural weaknesses. It is overlong and wordy with frequently leaden and self-indulgent dialogue. In addition, the minor characters are little more than props, rather than three-dimensional individuals. This is particularly evident in the case of Mathilde, Verlaine's wife and a pivotal

figure in the play. Verlaine's love for and reluctance to leave Mathilde and the bourgeois security she represents is the source of much of the conflict with which Verlaine must deal. Yet Mathilde hardly exists as a human being; so ultimately the cause of Verlaine's

pany's production at the Agassiz Theatre. Director James D'Entremont strangely chose for each of the twelve scenes a traditional box set, which appears to have been constructed of flats which had never been intended to be a part of the same whole. The audi-

at realistic, traditional scene design is disastrous.

The Agassiz Theater itself only compounds the problem, as the playing space within the proscenium arch is extremely small. The designer's decision in the early scenes to denote the eclectic, overstuffed clutter of French bourgeois households of the late 19th Century creates a labyrinth of furniture so intricate that the audience is amazed that the actors can move from one side of the stage to the other.

Altogether, the scene changes account for nearly 30 minutes of the already lengthy playing time. The constant disruption of these time-consuming scene changes exhausts the audience and forces the actors to warm up each time they reappear on the stage.

Despite such problems, the performances of Peter Toran as Rimbaud and Jay Foote as Verlaine give the production some validity. Toran's Rimbaud genuinely appears to be 16 years old, with a cynicism and sensuality only the author of Rimbaud's poems could have had. Toran's refreshing irreverence is not mere wit, but a scalpel cutting through the veneer of respectability that the older Verlaine and his contemporaries wish to maintain. When he offers himself to Verlaine there is no sentiment, but rather a desire to instigate change and a hope that the two will use each other to the fullest, in the selfish manner in which Rimbaud views all human relationships.

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Peter Toran as Rimbaud (left) and Jay Foote as Verlaine.

devotion to her remains a mystery.

The play has a running time of nearly three and one half hours and so must be performed at a rapid, energetic pace. It is this momentum which is lacking in the Harlequin Theatre Com-

ence is constantly subjected to seemingly endless periods of looking at the stage's velvet curtain, which might eventually reopen, only to see one chair replaced by another, one table replaced by another, ad infinitum. This attempt

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A Weekend In The Life

By Robin E. Smith

FRIDAY: Arrived at the eighth National F(eminists) U(nited) for W(omen's) E(quality) ("fooe") Conference in Big City at midnight, just in time to miss dinner. Selina Nadineschild, me, and five other women had driven ten hours from Washington, D.C. It was pretty uncomfortable; all seven of us were packed into one Plymouth Country Squire station wagon. Selina Nadineschild spent the whole trip socking it to the rest of us for being so patriarchal as to keep our sexist surnames, i.e., Jones, Cohen, Brown, Smith, Polska, and Dimitrov. Brown said that if Selina was so crazy about being non-patriarchal, what was she doing owning a gas-guzzling car? Cohen made us stop at a restroom every two hours.

We had a fight break out at the last toll booth as to whose turn it was to pay. All seven of us are staying in one hotel room, because, as a special welcome to the nation's feminists, all the hotels in Big City are charging \$100.00 per day.

SATURDAY: Up at 6:30 a.m. I'm in a sleepingbag on the floor next to the bathroom door, and it's impossible to sleep because Cohen keeps tramping into the bathroom. She says she has weak kidneys.

The opening speech by F.U.W.E.'s Chairperson was scheduled for 9:00 a.m. There is only one cheap place to eat near the conference center. By the time we got served and left, it was 9:55 a.m., and we arrived just in time to hear the Chairperson say, "And so, my sisters, I urge you to the consideration of these issues."

We split up: Selina went to Amazon

Matriarchies; Brown went to Increasing Your Assertiveness; Jones, Polska, and Dimitrov disappeared; and Cohen went to the bath room.

I finally decided to attend Women's Literature, but I never found it. When I got to Room 422 a woman I have never seen before ran to the door, said, "Thank the Goddess you're here,

entire young lives. My relief came at noon; she was looking for the Women in Politics seminar. I went back to our room and took a nap.

Cohen woke me up for dinner on her way into the bathroom. We couldn't get on the elevator — there were 12 couples necking on it. We finally took the fire escape.



where have you been?" and fled. There were 253 children in the room; it was the Daycare Center. I decided to stay until my relief came. I had never met any Feminist Children before. They all wore filthy unisex T-shirts, jeans, sneakers, had runny noses, straggly long hair, and *no one* has ever told them "No" or "Sit down" in their

We found Selina and Brown at the Lesbian Feminist Vegetarian Socialist Metropolitan Dinner. Afterwards the four of us went to the women's dance. Medusa's Gorgons, the first lesbian punk rock band, was playing. The first woman I asked to dance left me in the middle of the dance floor to go dance with someone else; the second woman

said no, she had a headache; the third woman was drunk and said she wanted to get laid, did I want to get laid? I said no, thank you. It was just like dances back home. Selina and Brown are making out in a corner. Cohen and I were tired, so we went back to the hotel room.

I had just fallen asleep when Selina and Brown came back and stepped on me on their way into the bathroom. Selina Nadineschild weighs about 175 pounds. They started making love in the bathroom because Cohen and I were sleeping in the bedroom.

SUNDAY: Cohen woke me up at 6:30 a.m. on her way into the bathroom. Selina and Brown were asleep in the tub. Jones, Polska, and Dimitrov have been missing since yesterday.

We got to the main hall just in time to hear the newly-elected Chairperson say, "And so, my sisters, we will conquer these issues!"

I have a black eye and a bruise on my right cheek from Selina and Brown stepping on me last night. They are not speaking to each other today.

After the end of the Chairperson's speech, Jones and Polska showed up. They have fallen in love. Dimitrov will not be coming back to us; she is moving in with a woman she met here.

(Evening) It's been a long drive back — Selina and Brown are still not speaking. Selina says she's going to change her name to Selina Dykeper-son. Jones and Polska necked in the back all the way home. Cohen made us stop every hour for bathroom breaks. I keep wondering what I'm going to say when our F.U.W.E. chapter asks what happened at the conference.

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Reviewed by Mel Horne

If one is adept at reading between the lines the best indication of the value of *Gay Source: A Catalog for Men* can be found in its preface written by the volume's compiler and editor, Dennis Sanders. The idea for the catalog originated with an editor at Coward, McCann & Geoghegan; the production time schedule was a mere five months; information was solicited by questionnaire with little time for follow-up or independent investigation by knowledgeable local people. Each of these factors have contributed to making *Gay Source* an uneven and poorly balanced potpourri of questionable value.

The overall quality of *Gay Source* would have been better had the idea been developed by people already involved in gay information and referral services, people with experience in all of the complexities and perplexities of source gathering and with a more rounded view of the variety of gay men's issues and concerns. Faced with the awesome task of collecting source material of value to the gay male, a five month production schedule is naive. It suggests a wide-eyed innocence about the dimensions and possibilities inherent in such an undertaking.

Basically, my reluctance to recommend *Gay Source* arises from the selection of feature materials, their space allocation and the focus of illustrations. The "hard" decision not to review fiction and poetry on the grounds that "there is too much and not to review all would be unfair" is a cop-out.

Critical review summaries of what is thought to be the best and most promising among a group of writers and poets concerned with a common theme is a standard practice in the literary world. Surely the important critical function being performed by the perceptive reviewers of *Gay Sunshine* and *Fag Rag* could have been enlisted to resolve this problem. Or is it that the editor considers articles on plastic surgery, tattooing, body piercing and gay pirates to be a more needed source of information for gay men? Why articles on astrology and transvestites (largely a heterosexual phenomenon) and none on the problems facing older gay men, minority gay men or on the difficult and complex relationships between gay men and lesbians? Why a mere wedge of space on alcoholism and nine pages on fashion?

Well, the whys and why-nots eventu-

ally add up and what they add up to is made graphically clear by the book's illustrations: young, pretty, well-built males; the lone black male is depicted in the graphic accompanying the Key West, Florida feature, with a basket of fruit slung on his hip. What is this? A gay mimic of straight advertising's native maiden with a lei?

Don't be lulled by listings of hot-lines, selected gay publications or legal resources. This information has long been available on a more professional and comprehensive level than *Gay Source* can offer. Often it has been done by people on a volunteer basis and motivated by a genuine concern for the well-being of the entire gay community.

Unless your coffee table is desperate for another object, skip this one and buy a copy of *Gay Source's* own recommendation, *Gayellow Pages*.

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Kinsey

And, like Darwin, he refused to grant humans a special place in the natural order, separate and distinct from other mammals. As historian Paul Robinson says:

He evaluated every form of sexual activity in terms of its role in the sexual lives of the lower species, and he frequently concluded that outlawed sexual practices were entirely natural because they conformed to "basic mammalian patterns."

(This led to one of Kinsey's best aphorisms: The only "unnatural" sex acts are those which are physically impossible to perform.)

But so much that Kinsey discovered was never really accepted by the general public or even the scientific, or rather the psychiatric profession. Pomerooy sadly remarks:

If the books were published today, one could be quite certain that the moralists would be as vehement as ever, the religionists would still decry the consideration of man as mammal and the followers of Freud would still find the decaying mansion of orthodox psychoanalysis under siege.

That is perhaps the greatest tragedy of the life of Alfred Charles Kinsey.

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Rimbaud/Verlaine

Jay Foote's *Verlaine* is passionate, zealous, yet indecisive. He allows us to see Verlaine's inability to disassociate himself from his wife and the respectable world in which they lived together. Foote's *Verlaine* is ruled by passions but is unable to accept the consequences of them. Verlaine's alcoholic rages, his attempted strangling of the pregnant Mathilde, his beating and eventual attempted murder of Rimbaud are always followed by pathetic apologies and remorse. Foote makes us realize that it is these destructive impulses

which fire Verlaine's creativity.

The performances of Peter Toran and Jay Foote partly redeem an otherwise long and dull production. Because one so seldom sees a play like *Total Eclipse* that attempts to deal intelligently with gay relationships, I wish that I could more highly recommend the Harlequin Theatre Company's production.

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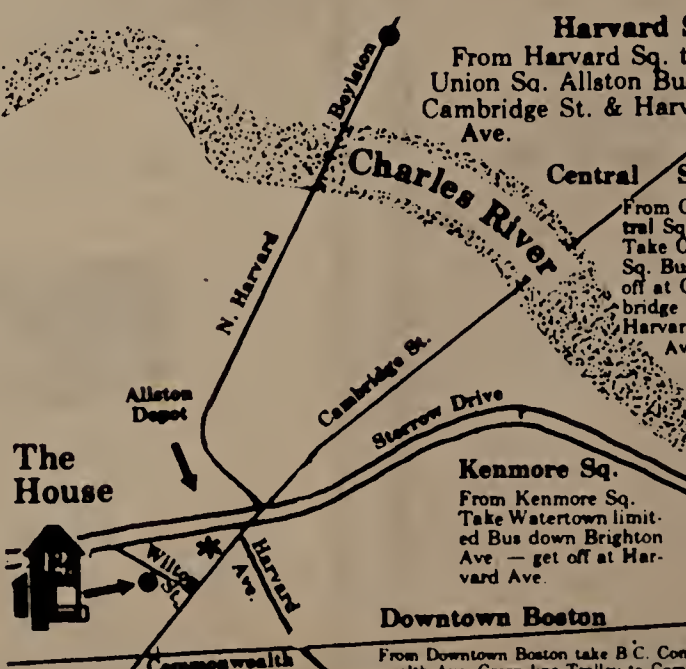
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people, places and flings



By Eric Rogers

Many of us are counting the days till springtime. While skiing and skating are lots of fun, they require slopes or frozen ponds to become available to us. Joining a local health club or YMCA/YWCA is one solution, but both require bucks that you may not have on hand after Christmas. Last week I found another way to indulge in a little physical activity during the frigid months. Over at the Lindemann Center on Friday evenings, from 7 to 8:30 in the evening, *GRAC (Gay Recreational Activities Committee)* has use of the center's pool, locker rooms, and basketball court. While the water was not as lukewarm as this swimmer would like, the crowd on hand was pleasant, a lifeguard was available, and I managed to swim a few laps before joining in a flutterboard race. What could be a more ideal winter tradition on Friday nights — after a hard week at the job, join *GRAC* at the pool for an hour, then shower, relax, and meet a friend for dinner and dancing. If basketball's your sport, the game's 7-9 p.m., Friday evenings also at the Lindemann Center. The winter's going to keep us off the beach and indoor activity's the next-best thing. Stop by and check out the fun. There's no charge, just sign in at the main entrance and come down to the pool...

Skip Rosenthal is opening up a new bar called *Bourbon Street* at 22 Avery St. in Boston. The opening night party is this Wednesday from 8 p.m.-2 a.m. and the event will be a benefit for GCN. *Skip* promises some great entertainment — *Beth Sass* singing her original songs and *David & Julia* who perform regularly at *The Fan Club*. Waiters and waitresses will be GCN staffers, including yours truly. The party will be fun, the drinks will be

strong, and there'll be surprises too. Break up your week on Wednesday night and come see *Skip's* new club and support GCN!

Joe Martin, returning from a vacation in sunny California, will broadcast an interview with *Harvey Milk*, San Francisco's gay city councilor, on *Closet Space*, 9 a.m. Sunday morning Jan. 15, on *WCAS*, 740AM. . . . *Thom Willenbecher's* cover story on Boston's drag scene in last week's *Real Paper* was delightful reading.



Bessie Smith



Les Ballets

Thom gives us a backstage look at many of our favorite drag performers — *Karl Houston* (in frills & feathers on the cover), *Sylvia Sidney*, and *Colette*. In addition to providing the inside story on these performers, *Thom* tackles some of the more controversial issues involved in drag. Glad to see the *Real Paper* opening up to gay life . . .

Wedding Bells are ringing in Weymouth! A triple gay marriage will be performed by *Rev. Ruth Barksdale* on Jan. 14. The couples tying the knot will be *Lee Whiting* of *LeClair Enterprises* and *Ann Reilly*, *Terry Barrett* and *Stacey Whiting* (Lee's daughter), and *Matthew Lineberger* and *Mark Redcrosses*. The reception will be held at 9:00 that evening at *Jacqui Mac's Club '76* and everyone is invited! Stop by and give the newlyweds your wishes.

The Turning Point, now at the *Cheri Theater*, was an enjoyable movie for this reporter. While at times it was a bit heavy-handed, leaving nothing to subt-

lety and innuendo, the performances by *Shirley MacLaine* and *Anne Bancroft* were stupendous.

WHRB, 95.3FM, is in the midst of their *Winter Orgy Period* where they broadcast hours of great music at a time. From noon on Sunday, Jan. 15 until noon on Wednesday, Jan. 18 they'll be playing the music of *Schönberg* and *Stravinsky* — all day, all night — plus interviews with the composers and people who knew them well. On Wednesday evening will be the *Bessie Smith Orgy* from her earliest recordings to her last session in 1933 — with backup artists that include *Louis Armstrong*, *Coleman Hawkins*, and *Benny Goodman*. And on Thursday night, from midnight into the wee hours of Friday morning, is *HRB's* famous "Grateful Dead Orgy" — the music from the *Dead* from '65-'77. Coming next week — 53 hours of *Miles Davis*!

On Friday, Jan. 20, at 8:30, *Willie Sordill*, who appeared on "Closet Space" a few weeks ago, will perform folk and blues sounds at *Common Grounds Coffeehouse*, 15 Pearl St. in Central Square, Cambridge. *Willie* focuses many of his songs on the changing roles of men and provides a gentle, melodic alternative to the macho sounds of men like *Jim Croce*, *Jimmy Buffet* and *Jackson Browne*. *Willie Sordill* is part of a growing group of men singing men's music that attacks the sexism that the music industry has exploited for too long. Stop by *Common Grounds* and enjoy *Willie's* music . . .

Send for your tickets now to *An Evening of Poetry with Adrienne Rich* on Wednesday, Jan. 25 at 7:30 p.m. at Harvard's *Sanders Theater*. Tickets are \$3.00 in advance, \$3.50 at the door and

can be purchased by sending to *Elizabeth Stone House*, 108 Brookside Ave., Jamaica Plain. The reading will be a benefit for *Elizabeth Stone House* which has become a mainstay in the J.P. community providing feminist-oriented mental health services. Come out to hear *Adrienne Rich* and support this important health project . . .

On Feb. 18 and 19, *Les Ballets Trockadero de Monte Carlo*, the all-male, drag ballet dance ensemble, will be in Boston for the first time. Performances will be at *John Hancock Hall* and will be at 8 p.m. on Saturday and at 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. on Sunday. Such infamous dancers as *Olga Tchikaboumskaya*, *Nadia Doumiefeyeva*, and *Dame Margaret Lowinocetyn* will perform from their repertoire which includes such pieces as *Swan Lake*, *Phaedre/Monotonous*, and *Yes, Virginia, Another Piano Ballet*. For more information, phone the B.U. Celebrity Series at 482-2595.

The Naked Civil Servant, the story of British homosexual *Quentin Crisp*, will be shown for the first time in Boston next Sunday, Jan. 22 as part of Harvard's *Loeb Theatre's* film series. The film will be shown at 5:50 and 10:10 and admission is \$2.50. Other films shown at the *Loeb* that day will be *American Ballet Theatre: A Closeup in Time*, featuring selections from the company's greatest shows and an interview with *Agnes de Mille*, and *The Golden Age of 2nd Avenue*, a film about *Yiddish Theatre* in America . . .

And here's a tasty tidbit for all you late-night TV addicts: On "Forever Fernwood" (Channel 5, 11:30 p.m.) Friday, Jan. 20, *Penny* is going to tell Tom that she is a lesbian and suggest that he examine his own feelings about homosexuality! Don't miss that!

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Dancing, Men, Tues.-Thurs. Buffet 9-11PM

RAINBOW ROOM

15 Lansdowne St.

Disco Dancing, Men.

SAINTS

(Call 354-8807) Women.

SOMEWHERE

295 Franklin St. 423-7730

Disco Dancing, Mixed, Sunday Brunch

12-2PM.

SPORTER'S CAFE

228 Cambridge St.

Food, Men, Saturday Brunch 5PM,

Movies Mon., 3PM, Sunday Brunch 3PM.

STYX

20 Blagden St. 247-3910

Disco Dancing, Men.

THE SHED

272 Huntington Ave.

Leather, Men, Sunday Brunch 4PM.

TOGETHER

110 Boylston St.

Disco Dancing, Mixed.

1270

1270 Boylston St. 261-1257

Disco Dancing, Mixed (Mostly Men).

TWELVE CARVER

12 Carver St.

Men.

Quick Gay Guide

BOSTON AREA (Area Code 617)

Access (Cambridge Hotline) 661-3900
Am Tikva 524-1890, 628-3986
Cambridge Gay Political Caucus, P.O. Box 218, E. Cambridge 02141 491-0968
Cambridge Women's Center 354-8807
Charles Street Meetinghouse 523-1081, 354-8807
Civil Liberties Union of Mass. 742-8020
CLEARSPACE: a community center for lesbian women and gay men (now being developed) P.O. Box 398, Allston, MA 02134 277-2484
Closet Space WCAS (740 AM) 380 Green St., Cambridge 02139 492-6450
Daughters of Bilitis, 1151 Mass. Ave., Cambridge 02138 661-3633
Dignity, 355 Boylston St., Boston, MA 02114 536-6518
Elaine Noble (Rep.) 727-2584
Evangelicals Concerned 894-3970
Fag Rag 536-9826
Fenway Community Health Center 267-7573
Fengay, c/o Tom Nyland 267-1066
Gay Academic Union of New England, P.O. Box 212, Boston 02101 492-3353
Gay AIAnon (alcoholics) 843-5300
Gay AIAnon, Greater Boston 471-6884
Gay Business Ass'n (Job Bank), 102 Charles St., Boston MA 02114 Suite 129 739-2200
Gay Community News 426-4469
Gay Education Service (Human Achievement Foundation), P.O. Box 398, Allston 02134 277-2484
Gay Hotline 3-12pm, Mon.-Fri. 426-9371
Gay Legislation (Mass. Caucus) P.O. Box 8841, JFK Station, Boston 02117 742-4811
Gay Nurses' Alliance-East, P.O. Box 530, Back Bay Annex, Boston 02117
Gay People of UMass/Boston 287-1900 (X2396)
Gay Professional Women's Assn., Box 308, Boston U. Sta., Boston 02215
Gay Recreational Activities Committee (GRAC), c/o GCN Box 8000
Gay Speakers Bureau, P.O. Box 2232, Boston 02107 354-0133
Gay Way Radio (WBUR, 90.9FM) 353-2790
Gay Youth Advocates 70 Charles St. 523-0368
Gender Identity Service 864-8181
Good Gay Poets 536-9826
Harvard-Radcliffe Gay Student Assn. 498-2014
Homophile Community Health Service 542-5188
Integrity, P.O. Box 2582, Boston 02208 262-3057
Janus Counseling for Lesbians, 21 Bay St., Cambridge 661-2537
Lambda of Middlesex, P.O. 1165, Framingham, MA 01701.
Nites and weekends 877-8550
Lesbian Liberation, c/o Women's Center 354-8807
Lesbian Mothers, c/o Women's Center,

46 Pleasant St., Cambridge MA (Meets Thurs., 8pm.)
Lutherans Concerned for Gay People 536-3788
Massachusetts Feminist Federal Credit Union, 186 1/2 Hampshire St., Cambridge 661-0450
Metropolitan Community Church 523-7664
MIT Homophile League, rm 50-306 253-5440
National Lawyers Guild, 595 Mass. Ave., Cambridge 02139 661-8898, 661-6358
National Organization for Women 267-6160
New Words Bookstore 876-5310
Northeastern Gay Student Org., c/o Student Activities Office, 255 Ell Ctr. Older and Other Gays, c/o GCN, Box 1500, 22 Bromfield St., Boston 02108
Outreach Foundation for crossdressers, transgenderists and gender dysthorics, 102 Charles St., Suite 433, Boston 02114
Project Lambda 523-0368
Project Place 267-9150
Sexual Health centers of N.E., Inc. 739 Boylston St., Boston 02116 266-3444
Fr. Paul Shanley (Exodus Center) 333-0146
Tufts Gay Community, c/o Student Activities Office, Medford 02155
Unitarian Universalists Office of Gay Concerns, 25 Beacon St., Boston 02108 742-2100
Women's Alcoholism Program, 1348 Cambridge St., Cambridge 02139 661-1316
Women's Community Health in Cambridge 547-2302

EASTERN MASS. (Area Code 617)

Dignity Merrimack Valley P.O. Box 348, Lowell 08853
Everywoman's Center, Box 949, 14 Center St., Provincetown 02657 (4-6pm)
Lesbian Support Group, Mercy Otis Warren Women's Center, 298 Main St., Hyannis 02601 771-6739
Martha's Vineyard Gay Group 627-5370
Montachusett's Gay Alliance Box 262, Fitchburg 01420 342-5963
New Bedford Women's Clinic 999-1570
Provincetown 24-Hour Drop-in Center 487-0387
Survival Crisis Line 471-7100

WESTERN MASS. (Area Code 413)

Berkshire Community Gay Coalition, Box 493, Pittsfield 01201 442-9450
Common Women Club, 78 Masonic St., Northampton 01060 584-4580
Everywoman's Center, Amherst 545-0883
Gaybreak Radio (WMUA-FM, 91.9) 545-2876
Gay Women's Caucus, Amherst 545-3438
Lesbian Union, 9th floor, Campus Center, UMass, Amherst 01003
People's Gay Alliance, RSO 368 Student Union, UMass, Amherst, 11002 545-0154
Southwest Women's Center 545-0626
Springfield Gay Alliance 732-9315
Together, Box 427, Forest Park Sta., Springfield 01108
Valley Women's Center, Northampton 586-2011

CONNECTICUT (Area Code 203)

"Come Out Tonight," Box WYBC/Yale Station, New Haven 06520
CT Gay Task Force, P.O. Box 514, Hartford 06101 522-5575
Dignity/New Haven, P.O. Box 3712, Amith Sta., New Haven 06525
East Conn. Gay Alliance, Norwich 889-7530
George W. Henry Foundation, Hartford 522-2646
Gay Alliance at Yale, Box 2031, Yale Station, New Haven 06520 436-8945
Gay phone counseling (eves.), New Haven 436-8945
Gay Switchboard 522-5575
Gay Women's Collective, Women's Center, U-118, University of CT, Storrs 06268 486-4738
Hartford Gay Counseling 522-5575, 232-5110
Institute of Social Ethics/National Gay Archives, 1 Gold St., Suite 22B, Hartford 06103 547-1281
Kalos/Gay Liberation, Hartford 568-2656
MCC/Hartford 232-5110, 522-5575
New Haven Lesbian Rap, 148 Orange St., New Haven 436-0272
The Church of the Eternal Flame Universal 527-2656
UConn Gay Alliance, 211 Student Union, U of CT, Storrs 06268
Yalebians; Box 2031, Yale Station, New Haven 06520 436-8945
Wesleyan Gay Alliance 635-3035

RHODE ISLAND (Area Code 401)

Brown University Gay Lib, 305 Faunce House, Waterman Ave., Providence 02912
Office hours: Noon-1pm weekdays 863-3062
Dignity/Providence, Box 2231, Pawtucket 02861
Gay Help Line 751-3322
Gay Community Services of R.I., 55 Eddy St., rm 306
Gay Women of Brown, c/o Sarah Doyle, Women's Center, 186 Meeting St., Providence, 02912 863-2189
Integrity, Box 71, Annex Sta., Providence 02801
MCC/Providence, 134 Mathewson St. 272-9247
MCC Innovative Ministry (terminally ill, aged and handicapped), Rev. Michael Nordstrom 272-8482
Providence Gay Group of AA 333-1396

NEW HAMPSHIRE (Area Code 603)

MCC-Extension, 292 State St., Portsmouth 03801 382-4678
Nashua Area Gays 673-5315
NH Lambda, Box 1043, Concord 03301 228-8542
Northwood Women's Group, G. Ball, Box 273, RFD 1, Manchester 03104
NOW Lesbian Rights Task Force, 4 Valentine Hill Rd., Durham 02834

VERMONT (Area Code 802)

Counseling-Support for Gay Women, c/o Susan Katz, South VT Women's Health Center, 187 N. Main St., Rutland, VT 05701 775-1518
Gay Student Union, U of VT, Burlington 05401, M-F, 7-9pm 656-4173
Women's Center, 182 Main St., Burlington 863-1236

NEW YORK (CITY) (Area Code 212)

Ass'n of Gay Social Workers, c/o Gay Switchboard Message Center, 110 East 23rd St., Suite 502, 10010 777-7697
Church of the Beloved Disciple, 348 W. 14th St., 10004 242-6616
Gay People at Columbia, Columbia U., 10027 280-2574
Gay Teacher's Association, 204 Lincoln Pl., Brooklyn 11217 789-8176/499-1060
Gay Switchboard, Box 805, Madison Sq. Sta., 10010 777-1800
The Glines, 260 W. Broadway 925-2619
Lambda Legal Defense, P.O. Box 5448, Grand Central Sta., 10017 758-1905
Lesbian Herstory Archives, P.O. Box 1258, 10001
Lesbian Switchboard 741-2610
MCC/NY, 201 W. 13th St. 10011 242-1212
National Coalition of Gay Activists, P.O. Box A-711, Grand Central Sta., 10017
National Gay Task Force, 80 Fifth Ave., rm 506 741-1010
Oscar Wilde Memorial Bookshop, 15 Christopher St. 255-8097
Tri-base Collective 533-4492
West Side Discussion Group, 37 Ninth Ave. 675-0143

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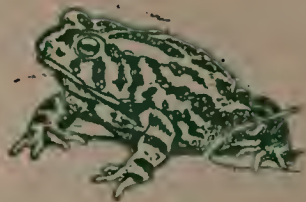
Affirmation (Unitarian Universalist Gay Caucus), 34 Chestnut Rd., Delmar 12054
Capital District Gay Community Center (7-11pm), 332 Hudson Ave., Albany 12210 (518)462-6138
Capital District Gay Political Caucus, Box 131, Albany 12201 (518)462-6138
Dignity/Integrity/Rochester 42 Tyler House, 17 So. Fitzhugh St., Rochester 14614 (716) 232-6521
Empty Closet Collective, 1255 University Ave., Rochester 14607 (716) 271-6750
Gay Alliance of The Genesee Valley, Inc., 713 Monroe Ave., Rochester 14614 (716) 244-8640 or 244-9030
Gay Brotherhood of Rochester, 713 Monroe Ave., Rochester (716) 244-8640
Gay Liberation Front, U. of R., Wilson Commons, Rochester 14607 (716) 275-6181
Gay Task Force, 713 Monroe Ave., Rochester (Mon. 7pm) (716) 244-8640 or 244-9030
Hamilton-Kirkland Gay Alliance, Box 80, Hamilton College, Clinton 13323
Lambda Univ., Box 131, Albany 12201 (518)462-6138
Lesbian Resource Center, 713 Monroe Ave., Rochester 14607 (716)244-9030
NY State Coalition of Gay Organizations, Box 131, Albany 12201 (518)462-6138
Stonewall Society, Poughkeepsie (914)473-3857

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calendar

15 sun

Cambridge — Feminist Writer's Guild. If you are a woman who writes and you want info about the N.E. Chapter of the Feminist Writer's Guild, 2pm at New Words Bookstore, 186 Hampshire St., downstairs.



27 fri

Seattle, WA — Radical Women, the oldest socialist women's organization in the country, will hold a conference this weekend. "A Decade of Socialist Feminism" is the theme. Call (206) 632-1815 or 623-7449 for information.

16 mon

Boston — Free introductory class. Clearspace, a community center for women and men. Co-sponsored with Emerson Homophile League. Coming Out Course., 1st lesson free.



18 wed

Boston — Gay Community News benefit at Grand Opening of Bourbon Street, 1st floor, 22 Avery St. Special guests Beth Sass and David & Julia and more. \$1.50 donation, 8pm to 2am.

28 sat

New York City — Benefit sponsored by Congregation Beth Simchat Torah, Metropolitan Community Church of New York, and the Church of the Beloved Disciple for the benefit of the Village Nursing Home in Greenwich Village. Minimum donation is \$5 per person. All proceeds will go to the Caring Community to help purchase the Village Nursing Home. If \$100,000 is not raised by Feb. 1, 200 residents will have to be relocated.

17 tues

New York City — Integrity Gay USA, a documentary film on positive aspects of gay life in America. Church of St. Luke-in-the-Fields. Hudson at Grove St. New York City — "Exploring the Mystics of Sodomasochism," West Side Discussion Group. Info (212) 675-0143.

Boston — Clearspace a developing community center for women and men is hosting a Get Acquainted Party in the Back Bay area. Call Brie Rodin at 482-0494 for info.

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